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Magnolia Plantation’s Lore

Magnolia Plantation, with its deep roots in the American South, stands as a witness to a complex past. Established in the late 17th century near Charleston, South Carolina, it was originally a rice plantation, where the labor of enslaved Africans was exploited to cultivate the fields. The plantation's history is a tapestry of stories, from the Drayton family, who owned it for generations, to the lives of the enslaved people who built and sustained the estate. Today, Magnolia Plantation invites visitors to explore its renowned "Romantic

Style" gardens, which were selected by Travel + Leisure as one of "America's Most Beautiful Gardens." The gardens, a testament to the plantation's history, were designed to be at one with nature, contrasting with the more formal, geometric gardens of the time. The plantation home, reconstructed during the Reconstruction era, offers a glimpse into the domestic life of the period, while the award-winning Slave Cabin Tour provides a sobering look at the living conditions of the enslaved. The Nature-Train Tour and Rice Field Boat Tour offer immersive experiences of the plantation's natural landscape, and the Audubon Swamp Tour allows visitors to appreciate the unique ecosystem of the Lowcountry. The

plantation's lore is not just in its land and tours, but also in the resilience and stories of those who lived there, making it a poignant site of memory and reflection.